

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 3190 - SB 3308**

March 25, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Creates the Emergency Communications Board within the Department of Commerce and Insurance to assist in developing and maintaining enhanced 911 service and wireless enhanced 911 service to all citizens of Tennessee.
- Provides that the ECB will regulate and assist local emergency communication districts.
- Provides that the ECB shall be funded through a charge on all commercial mobile radio/telephone service; such funds collected by the board shall be deposited in the state treasury in a separate interest-bearing fund to be known as the 911 Emergency Communications Fund.
- Provides that the ECB shall distribute twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenue generated by such a charge to each local emergency communication district based on the population of each district to that of the state; also provides that the ECB may distribute excess funds as grants to local emergency communication districts.
- Provides that making a false 911 emergency call will be a Class C misdemeanor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$600,000**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$330,000 Recurring  
\$60,000 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$600,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$600,000**

Assumes an average wireless enhanced 911 surcharge of \$1.33 on 950,000 cellular telephones.

Expenditures:	<u>Recurring</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
6 positions – salary & benefits	\$275,000	\$
Operational expenses	45,000	
Office furnishings & equipment		60,000
Travel & per diem – 9 board members	<u>10,000</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$330,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

To implement the provisions of this bill, it is assumed that the ECB will need to employ and contract with personnel knowledgeable in the field of telecommunications

Local government expenditures are estimated to increase in proportion to the amount of required funding and grants received from the ECB. Such funds will be expended by each local emergency communication district for the provision of 911 service in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Also, local impact from a Class C misdemeanor will depend upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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